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Cold Storage Factory at Kozhikode.

* 728 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of the Ice-Making, Quick-Freezing and Cold Storage Factory at Kozhikode has been completed;

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to lease it out to private firms; and

(*c*) if not, when the Government propose to start work in the different departments of the factory?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answers are in the affirmative.

" (*c*) The Government have, however, sanctioned the trial production run of the Kozhikode plant departmentally pending the leasing out of the plant to private parties."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that the storage section of the factory is not working to its full capacity for want of sufficient supply of fish? If so, will the Government see that deep-sea fishing is introduced in Malabar so that sufficient supply of fish may be made and the storage section of the factory may work to its full capacity?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall examine all that is suggested by the hon. Member."

Manjeri Government Hospital.

12 noon * 729 *Q.*—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of patients admitted from 31st March 1953 to 31st March 1954 into the Manjeri Government Hospital in Ernad taluk;

(*b*) the number of beds available in the hospital;

(*c*) the number of patients allowed to lie in the veranda without beds; and

(*d*) whether any action has been taken on the memorandum submitted by the public in regard to certain inconveniences such as shortage of staff and of medicines supplied in the hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 3,584, Sir.

" (*b*) 45, Sir.

" (*c*) 105, Sir.

" (*d*) Proposals for increasing the bed-strength of the hospital and for the employment of additional staff are under consideration. There is no scarcity of medicines in the hospital."

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SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" May I know, Sir, whether there were reports made by the Medical Officer in charge of the Hospital that the stock of medicines was inadequate and that it should be replenished? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, when such reports are received, medicines are sent."

Hosdurg-Panathady road.

* 730 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) when repairs were done last to the Hosdurg-Panathady road in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara;

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to improve this road; and

(c) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) The road is being regularly maintained by the District Board and this year also the maintenance work is in progress.

" (b) & (c) The work of metalling the first section of the road from mile 0/0 to 18/0 is under execution under the Post-war Road Development Plan. The work of improving the second section is included in the Five-year plan of Post-war Road Development and will be taken up for execution by the District Board as early as possible."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" For the last two or three years, the bus service to Panathur was stopped during monsoon, because the road was not repaired. Will the Government give instructions to repair the road immediately so that when the next monsoon comes the bus service is not interrupted? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The District Board has already repaired the road. So such inconveniences will not be caused in future, Sir."

Shoranur Metal Industries.

* 731 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to question No. 55 answered on 5th March 1954—

(a) whether the Government have arrived at any decision on the proposal to re-open the Shoranur Metal Industries, Limited, South Malabar; and

(b) if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) The Government considered that the financial condition of the Metal Industries, Limited, could not be rectified and that there was no likelihood of its profitable running as a business